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- 1. Dr. Stefan Trochta's sentence was preceded by long years of "domaci vysetrovani" (investigation in the domicile of a person indicted, equivalent to house arrest). All methods known to Communist torturers were used in the investigation. For a while, the interrogator used to have breakfast with Trochta. Trochta once noticed that the interrogator tried to add some powder to his coffee; and Trochta assumed that it was something harmful, so he started a hunger strike which lasted until the investigator was recalled.
- Minister Alexej Cepicka tried to bring Trochta to reason and used the above "old comrade from the concentration camp" approach, but failed to convince Trochta.
- 3. The last time Trochta was seen in public was in 1951 in Litomerice; during the Catholic procession, Trochta blessed the crowd from the balcony of his residence. This act was regarded as a demonstration, and Trochta was never seen since.

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